
The Step Up Programme

Treorchy Comprehensive School is excited to announce that we will be working closely with New College Oxford this year. The pilot scheme called the “Step Up Programme” was launched last year and saw New College working with 10 state-schools and sixth form colleges. This year, New College Oxford will be working with 21 schools, from across the UK and we are lucky enough to have become one of these schools.

The premise behind “Step Up” is that it is a sustained-contact programme. Although one-off visits to Oxford are important, they sometimes do little to support a student’s application. This comprehensive programme will ensure that our students, will receive continued support and regular contact from New College. The visits to Oxford are fully-funded by New College and free overnight accommodation is provided to our school if students wish to visit Oxford for the annual June Open Days.

The Programme:

The programme begins at the outset of Year 11. This is done in order to inspire students as they begin this vital year in their education. The programme is summarised below:

Step 1: What is Oxford really like? Visit to our school for a 1.5 hour introductory session. Y11

Step 2: What is Oxford like? What are my options? Y11 visit to New College and Oxford – whole day.

Step 3: Critical reading (Y12) – based at our school (1.5 hour / 2 hour session) – start of Year 12

Step 4: Over The Wall Open Day – Student-led Open Day at New College (Feb of Year 12).

Step 5: Personal Statement session – based at our school (end of Y12).

Step 6: Preparing for interviews and admissions tests – start of Year 13.

All sessions will be delivered by New College staff, as well as New College student ambassadors.

For further information please the official Step Up Programme PDF:

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